

11th Marine Expeditionary Unit Public Affairs Office Expeditionary Strike Group, TARAWA (ESG-3)

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SINGAPORE —Marines and Sailors from 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit and Tarawa Expeditionary Strike Group 3 are using their time off to take part in three friendship-building community relations projects during their port visit here.

The Marines and Sailors are making their first port visit since leaving San Diego Nov 4. and since providing humanitarian assistance to the people of Bangladesh during Operation Sea Angel II Dec. 4-6.

Friday, Dec. 14, more than 15 volunteers spent their morning and early afternoon painting buildings in the Archdiocesan Commission For The Pastoral Care Of Migrants & Itinerant People, ACMI, a community center that provides migrants and domestic workers places to go for community fellowship and livelihood skills training.

Monday, Dec. 17, more than 30 volunteers will roll up their sleeves and spend the day cleaning sections of Pulau Ubin Beach in cooperation with the Singapore National Environmental Agency.

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 10 Marines and Sailors will spend an afternoon with children at the Singapore Sunbeam Science Center.

The 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) is made up of its Ground Combat Element, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment; Aviation Combat Element, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 166 (Reinforced); Logistics Combat Element, Combat Logistics Battalion 11; and its Command Element. The 11th MEU (SOC) is currently on a scheduled deployment through the Western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf region.